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# GERMANS DRIVE RUSSIANS BACK TO POLAND SOIL

Enemy's Stand East of Lakes Broken-Austrians Launch Galician Offensive.

French Counter Attack Retakes Heights at Norroy. Allies Claim Capture of Trenches at La Bassee, but Lose South of Ypres.

Albanian Rebel Raid Into Servia Regarded as Formal Entry Into War. Austrian Airmen Shell Montenegrin Palace-Warsaw Menaced by West and North Drives.

Russians operating north of Tilsit have been driven several miles into home territory, today's Berlin official report declares, and adds that Slav attempts to make a stand east of Mazur Lakes have been broken up, while the German column at Mlawa again menaces Warsaw from the north.

Shifting of activity to the East Prusoia-North Poland boundaries apparently gives advantage in the east to the Germans, who, according to Berlin dispatches, have cleared East Prussia of the foe and by their rapid advance are menacing Warsaw by a rear drive, the initial stages of which are develop-

Petrograd admits retirement along an extensive front to the fortified line of the River Niemen, but chronicles a halting of the German advances from Lyck and on Ostrolenka. Admission is made of stubborn resistance in Dukla Pass, where, however, the Slavs are still fighting on Hungarian soil.

Austro-German troops in Bukowina have made so rapid an advance that Radautz, south of the Sereth River, was captured. The Austrians have nunched a new offensive in Southern alicia and have advanced 25 miles to the vicinity of Nadworna.

The recapture of the heights at Norroy, in Lorraine, from which the French were driven Saturday night, is reported in today's official communique of the Paris War Office. The statement also claims the capture of 250 yards of trenches on the La Bassee Canal, but Berlin reports that the Allies' attacks at that point failed. The German General Staff also announces apture of a half-mile of trenches in the neighborhood of St. Eloi, south

Refugees reaching France from Al-

## THE WEATHER



More of this balmy winter weather Aside from the inconvenience of strawhat temperature in February, we are a bit chary of it for other reasons at this time of the year. It is a fact, and an all too significant one, that every blizward that has dumped itself on Philadelphia has been preceded by high temperature. And most of them, further, have been booked for the closing weeks of the season. Thus, the famous one of 1688 occurred about the middle of March, and the inauguration one of 1909 naturally enough fell on March 4. Then, of sourse, you remember the real blizzard that pounced upon us about a year ago and the great storm on Washington's Birthday a short time later. We have no particular reason for anticipating any blissard at this particular writing, but high temperature, as we say, makes us BULYOUS. It reached 60 today.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity Unsettled and cooler tonight with probably showers; Tuesday fair and moler; moderate southerly winds, besoming westerly Tuesday. For details, see page 2.

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MESTNUT STREET WHARF REEDY ISLAND. BREAKWATER

sace-Lorraine report that the Kaiser is massing an army of 1,000,000 men along the Rhine for a new offensive along the French frontier,

#### GERMANS HOT IN PURSUIT OF FOES ON POLAND BORDER

Russian Attempts to Make East Prussia Stand Reported Foiled.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.

Retreating before the German forces north of Tilsit, the Russians have been driven out of Pyklupoenen in the direction of Tauroggen, several miles within the Russian frontier, according to today's official report. General von Hindenburg's armies east of the Mazurian Lakes have broken un every attention of the Russian frontier. broken up every attempt of the Russians to make a stand and are pursuing the enemy over a long battle front. Fighting s in progress on both sides of the fron

tier.

To complete Von Hindenburg's victory, German detachments are now marching through Kolno against the body of Russians that marched northward through Lomza, 78 miles northeast of Warsaw, to reinforce the Czur's armies in the lake region. This Russian force must retreat upon the Polish capital or face the danger of being surrounded.

General Francois' army operating pear

General Francois' army operating near Mlawa is steadily pushing the enemy in a southeasterly direction and has taken several hundred prisoners.

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## MASKED MEN IN AUTO CHASE THEIR VICTIMS

Brandish Revolvers at Man and Woman Near Griard College and Rob Them.

One of the most daring holdung in one of the most daring holdups in recent months, in which three masked bandits pursued their victims in an automobile and used the same means to escape, was reported to the police today. Miss Helen Humphreys, 3029 Germantown avenue, and her escort, Anthony Humpel, 1451 Myrtlewood street, were held up at the point of revolvers at 74 street. up at the point of revolvers at 23d street and South College avenue while returning from a ball at the Leiber Attfer Hall, 37th and Stiles streets, early Sunday

The first inkling the couple had of danger was when the headlight of an automobile flashed upon them from around a corner. The machine dashed up to the curb and three men, with faces screened. and brandishing revolvers, leaped out. Miss Humphreys and Hum pel, warned not to cry out, were backed up against the wall of Girard College by two of the men, while the third seized the young woman's handbag.

He opened the bag while his confederates held the victims at bay. Seeing the color of bills within by the light of the

color of bills within by the light of the automobile, he gave a low command to the other two and the trio jumped into the other two and the trio jumped into the machine and were whized away as quickly as they had come.

The handbar contained \$17 in bills and other valuables. So quickly was the affair over that neither Humpel nor Miss Humphreys was able to give good descriptions of their assailants. Special Policemen Sibre and Dervin, of the 19th and Oxford streets station, are working on the case.

#### MASKED ROBBERS FORCE CASHIER TO GIVE UP \$2000

Level Revolvers at Night Worker in

Washington Car Barn. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Two masked men early today entered the car barns of the Washington Railway and Electric Company in Northeast Washington, and with their revolvers forced Jerry Haggerty, the night cashier, to give up his ashbox containing about \$2000 and a The burglars escaped.

#### WILHELMINA CARGO BEFORE PRIZE COURT

Washington Hopeful of Delay in Set-

tling Case. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Great Britain this afternoon informed the United States that it had already placed in prize court the entire Wilhelmina cargo, but had not unloaded the vessel. This action was taken before Great Britain received a Inited States' request for delay of proceedings.

This Government is hopeful that there still may be delay in deciding the case, and it will notify Great Britain of its intention to present fully the owner's cas

#### ATWOOD B. HOSKINS DEAD Widely Known as Merchant and

Breeder of Pigeons.

Atwood B. Hoskin,s of Rockdale, Pa., died this morning after an illness of more than two months, Mr. Hoskins, who was just past his 59th year was well known in this section. For nearly 30 years he conducted a general merchandise store in Rockdale, and the breed-ing of pigeons was his particularly hobby. He is widely known as the producer of the Blue Jacobin breed of

He is survived by his wife and one He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, of Rock-dale, and three brothers, W. Horace Hoskins, president of the Democratic Club, of thi scity; the Rev. Frankford E. Hoskins, now a missionary in Syria, and Prof. J. Preston Hoskins, of Prince-ton Moleculary ton Unievrsity.
The funeral will be held Wednesday

afternoon from the residence Oakhurst. Interment will be made in Calvary Cemetery.

#### FANNY CROSBY BURIED

Many Mourners at Funeral Services for Blind Hymn Writer. BRIDGEPORT. Conn., Feb. 15.—First Methodist Church was crowded to the doors this afternoon when the funeral services were held over the body of Fanny J. Crosby, the blind hymn writer. The services were conducted by the Rev. George M. Brown, the pastor. The pall-barrers were young men, rejutives and bearers were young men, relatives and friends of the deceased. The floral offerings were numerous, coming from all parts of the country. Interment was made in Mountain Grove

JUNKIN'S CAR STRIKES CHILD Three-year-old Charles J. Flomming, of 2d South Sydenham street, was knocked down by the automobile of Joseph Def. Junkin, a member of the Board of Directors of Jefferson Medical College, this atternoon. Mrs. Junkin, who was in the car, had theschild taken to Jefferson Hospital, where it was found in was suffering from a fractured skull. The car was driven by Prank Robinson, of 160 North Yandell street.

### SENATE VOTES FOR CLOSURE RULE ON SHIP PURCHASE BILL

Vice President Decides Tie After a Prolonged Parliamentary Struggle. Norris Votes With Democrats.

Question of Ending Long Drawn Out Debate on February 19 to Be Settled by Vote Prior to Final Disposi-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Administration forces are nearer a Senate vote on the ship purchase bill than at any time since the Republican fillbuster began, as the result of a parliamentary struggle lasting a large part of the day in the Senate. It began when Norris, Progressive Republican, succeeded in tacking an amendment providing for a closure rule on to Gailinger's proposition to throw the rule for a vote on the 19th into the hands of the Rules Committee. The Democrats, however, won Norris back and by a vote of 45 to 45, the Vice President deciding it, Norris' amendment was defeated, taking with it Gallinger's scheme.

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The Democrats then voted with Norris for a straight closure rule.

This leaves the closure question to settle first, then the question of ending debate on the 19th and then—as the Democratic majority sees it—the vote on the bill.

Following the introduction of a resolution by Senator Burton, Saturday, providing for an inquiry into the alleged connection between the ship companies owning interned ships and the Administration, particularly the Treasury Department, the particularly the Treasury Department, the Democrats this afternoon approved the proposed probe, but suggested that its scope be so widened, as Senator Williams put it, as to "catch all the fish and not only one kind."

The Burton resolution was reported favorably by Chairman Williams, of the Senate Contingent Expenses Committee, with a number of amendments. As amended it directs the investigating committee to summon witnesses and com-pel testimony to discover whether the shipping trust, or any shipping company, or any chamber of commerce or other body dominated by ship owners, employed lawyers or lobbyists to work against the bill. The resolution particularly inquires if any company whose ships the proposed Government line might compete with has been active in opposing the measure. Another amendment provides an inquiry whether any Senator owned stock in any

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# DOCTOR LEE CLEARED OF SLANDER CHARGES

Suit Brought by Former Treasurer of His Church Voluntarily Withdrawn.

The slander suit against the Rev. Dr. J. Beverldge Lee, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 50th street and Baltimore avenue, brought by Paul Wilkins, former treasurer of the church, has been withdrawn. The suit was brought after Doctor Lee, in a public sermon, charged Mr. Wilkins with misappropriating church funds during his incumbency.
The action was withdrawn voluntarily and because George Wentworth Carr, attorney for Mr. Wilkins, became convinced of the "impropriety of continuing the case," according to a statement of ex-Judge William W. Porter, counsel for

The suit was withdrawn Saturday," he said, "and, as my understanding goes, such action was wholly voluntary on the part of the plaintiff. It was for reasons. I am informed, that came to the knowledge of Mr. Carr after the suit had been brought. These reasons convinced him of the impropriety of continuing. I regard it as a vindication for Doctor Lee." A meeting of trustees of the church was held by the board for 4 o'clock this afternoon in the office of Mr. Carr, Mr. Wilkins' atotrney.

Contrary to expectations, Mr. Wilkins was not present, and it was announced by Mr. Carr that he is ill at his home in Winons, N. J. Mr. Carr declared he vis-Winona, N. J. Mr. Carr declared he vis-ited Mr. Wilkins Saturday, and at that time he seemed on the verge of collapse. Today the attorney learned that his client's temperature was 103 degrees, and that his condition still is serious,

#### GRAFT IN BATTLESHIP SUPPLIES ALLEGED

Manager of Brooklyn Concern and Steward of the Texas Arrested.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Charges of wholesale graft in furnishing supplies to United States battleships were made today by Government officials in New York, Thomas J. White, manager of the Brooklyn Steamship and Hotel Supply Company, and Walter G. Roach, com-missary steward on board the battleship Texas, were arrested. They were held by United States Commissioner Cochran for further examination.

United States Attorney Reld seized the United States Attorney Reid seized the books of the supply company in Brooklyn. He declared it had been found that many officials had been britted by the company to permit inferior supplies to be sent aboard the ships and that the Government had been swindled out of thousands of dollars.

The disclosures followed a complaint

The disclosures followed a complaint by Paymaster James Ray, of the Texas, who asserted that on January 9 he was approached by White, who offered him 2000 if he would permit the poorer grade of supplies to be placed on the Texas. White told him, he said, that he (White) had been sent to Ray by Roach

"CHI" STUDENT DOES "STUNTS" Fully half a hundred Medico-Chi stu-dents cheered John Jarvis as he trudged dents cheered John Jarvis as he trudged along through the shopping district this afternoon in a bathrobe and pajamus and performed obliging feats which were part of his initiation into a fraternity of the college. At Broad and Walnut atreets he brushed the ciothing of two traffic policemen and rubbed down their horses. He also knelt down in Broad street and wiped a clean spot for Policeman Hass to atand on. Then he wiped off the electricinght poles and a number of windows along Chestnut street. The students following applicated his open-set is supply him with a borket and brush so that he can use a not the control of the control

## HEROINE IN SHIRTS-FOR-SOLDIERS ROMANCE



Photo, by Underwood & Underwood MISS ADELE LEUVILLE Louisiana girl who has sailed for France for the purpose, it is believed, of meeting her soldier-admirer.

## SUNDAY TAKES FIRST REST IN WANAMAKER'S HOME IN JENKINTOWN

Billy" and "Ma" Evade Usual Monday Program of Visits and Enjoy Quiet Sojourn to Prepare for Busy Week.

#### SUNDAY CAMPAIGN STATISTICS

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Attendance	
Yesterday morning Yesterday afternoon Last night Approximate grand total	18,000 20,000 20,000 1,665,000
Converts	
Yesterday morning Yesterday afternoon	319 414

Last night ..... Total to date ..... 25,254 Sermons 49

This is to be one of the most restful days off" that "Billy" Sunday has had since he same to Philadelphia more than six weeks ago to conduct the biggest re-vival campaign of his career. Immediately following his sermon last night and a quick rub-down and change of clothing in his residence at 1914 Spring Garden street, the evangelist, accompanied by Mrs. Sunday, his son, George, with the latter's wife and baby, were motored to the coun-try estate of John Wanamaker in Jenkintown, where they remained through the

day.
"Billy" had one of his most strenuou days yesterday, and, while he was feeling very well, he was tired and he decided to accept the invitation of Mr. Wana-maker to go far away from the noise and excitement of the city. The "trall-hit-ters" for the three services yesterday

totaled 1182, mostly men. Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and Bent-Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and Bentley D. Ackley, the planist and Sunday's secretary, will be guests at the Lincoln anniversary celebration of the John Chambers Friendly Union at 28th and Morris streets. It is expected that the evangelist will address the organization, and that Mr. Wanamaker will attend and give a short talk. The event was postponed from last Friday in order that "Billy" could be present.

Mr. Ackley was entertained today on

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Mr. Ackley was entertained today on
the golf course at the Whitemarsh Country Club by J. C. Sheahan and H. Wellington Wood. He proved himself a good player by defeating his hosts, covering the 15-hole course in 105 strokes. Mr. Wood, who is one of the widely known players at the Old York Road Club, was second in the contest. He took 107 strokes in making the 18 holes, while Sheahan covered them in 110 strokes.

Jack Cardiff, puglilst-trainer and body-guard of the evangelist, left for Reading, his home town, this morning. He will speak before members of the Olive Club Word was received today that a dele-

gation of about 100 Boston ministers are to arrive here in special coaches over the Pennsylvania Railroad tomorrow to attend the meetings in the tabernacle. There will also be delegations of clergy-

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WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO Mrs. Abbie Hoff, 63 years old, of 421 Budd street, was struck and fatally in jured by an automobile at 20th and Market street, shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon. The machine was driven by William Webb, of ill West Penn street, who rushed the victim to the Presby-terian Hospital, where she died shortly

STUDENT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE Otto Weiderman, El years old, a medi-cal student, of EEE South Carlinia street, was found unconscious today in a fur-nished room in Baltimore, Both his wrists were gashed. According to a dis-patch from Baltimore, the wounds were indicated with shieldal intent. Weider-man was removed to the Maryland des-erat Boughtal, in Baltimore, where his amplitude is regarded to be excluse.

# GERMAN BLOCKADE OFF IF BRITAIN WILL LET FOODSHIPS PASS

U. S. Is Notified That Kaiser Will Abandon Proposed Undersea Warfare if Foe Will Allow Food INCENDIARY SETS FIRE for Civilians.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The German Government, in a note to the United States, submitted to the State Department today through Ambassador Bernstorff, declared that Germany was willing to recede from its announced policy to attack British merchantmen if Great Britain would cease interfering with shipments of foodstuffs destined for the noncombatant population of Germany.

The German note asserted that the war zone proclamation was a retaliatory measure, adopted as a result of Great Britain's departure from rules of international law and its purpose to starve out Germany's civil population. Ambassador Bernstorff, who delivered the note to Counselor Lansing, said that the communication was of an intermediary character and was not to be regarded as Germany's reply to the recent American note on the war zone decree. The German Government set forth in its

note today that Britain already had armed many of its merchant vessels with guns and was continuing so to arm them, with the avowed purpose of having them pro-ceed through the war zone area in groups to resist attack, and that under these circumstances the safety of neutral ships could not be assured.

It was declared that the arming of

merchant ships carried with it the pre-sumption that England had abandoned the rule of visit and search laid down by the laws of nations. Germany, by the laws of nations, Germany, re-ferring to the use of neutral flags by British merchant ships, again warned American shipping to follow the course around the north of Scotland. Secretary Bryan indicated this after-

noon that this Government intends to have correspondence with England as a result of the German note. While he would not admit it, it is believed the United States will seek to smooth out. the misunderstanding between England and Germany on the food and war zone situation.
After delivering the note the Ambas-

sador made this statement: "The note delivered today was upon in-structions from the Foreign Office in Berlin and it clearly points out the fact that Germany is willing to give up absolutely its declared plan to destroy British mer-chantmen. If England will return to an observance of the rules of civilized war-

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MISS ANNE LEWIS TO WED Chestnut Hill Girl Will Become Mrs. Francis Clark Grant.

An engagement of much interest this city which is announced today is that of Miss Anne Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Lewis, of Moreland avenue, Chestnut Hill, and Francis Clark Grant, son of William S. Grant, Jr., of 202 St. James place. Miss Lewis is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Her sisters are Miss Julia P. Lewis and Miss Mary C. Lewis. Joseph W. Lewis is a boother. Joseph W. Lewis is a brother. Mr. Grant is a nephew of Miss Alice Grant and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith. His grandmother was a Miss Vezin, of this city. His mother, who was Miss Jennie Clark, died several years ago. No date has been get for the wedding.

CHILD HIT BY TROLLEY

Tessie Cymwinsky, 4 years nid, of 769 as she was returning from school this afternoon. The child in running hurriedly agrees the street slipped as the car was approaching the was invied a short distance, but suffered only riight injuries, the was taken to Mt Sinal Haspital and thence soul huma.

#### CUPID INVADES TRENCHES ON THE ARGONNE FRONT

Comfort Kit Sent by Louisiana Girl Revives Old Romance. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Cupid has in-

vaded the trenches of the French army. And therewith lies an interesting tale. When the Lafayette Fund Issued its appeal for money to be used in the purchase of comfort kits to be sent to the soldiers in the French trenches, \$2 came in an envelope from Miss Adele Leuville, of Plaquemine, Louisiana, with hopes that "this terrible war will soon be over," Each kit that is forwarded contains a card upon which is written the name of the contributor. By odd chance Miss Leuville's kit was received by a soldier named Maurice Dubois, of the 27th Com-pany, 5th Cavalry of the 4th Army Corps

In the frosty weather of the Argonne trenches Comrade Dubois could not re-strain a feeling of gratitude for the kind person who sent the warm stockings, the woolen mittens, the snug-fitting under-wear and the comfortable cap and muffler which composed the kit. And as he thought of writing a letter of thanks to the donor, it seemed as if the name were familiar to him. Dubois communicated with the Lafayette Fund, at the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York, saying that 17 years ago he went to school with a girl of the same name in Nancy, France, when he was 12 and she 11 years of age. He asked that inquiries be made to establish her identity, if possible. This was done. It was confirmed that Miss Leuville was Dubois' former schoolmate, and she wrote him that she would pray for his survival of the war and welcome his promised visit to America at that future time.

future time.

But this incident eventually aroused the patriotism of Miss Louville or awakened romance in her nature. She wrote the Lafayette fund that she would like to go to France to act as nurse, in which capacity she had some experience. Saturday she sailed on the Franch Line stemp. day she sailed on the French Line steam-ship Niagara to aid her native France on the firing line—and see Maurice Du-bois.

#### TWO DEAD, OTHERS INJURED, WHEN KENTUCKIANS FIGHT

General Battle in Mountains Follows

Fracas in Gambling House. LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 14.-Letcher and Beverly White, members of the noted feud family, were killed, Beverly Balley was mortally wounded and several other persons injured in a general battle in

the Clay County mountains early today. The fight resulted from a fracas in a gambling house. Bailey is alleged to for permanent improvements. have shot both the Whites, who were sons of one of the wealthlest men in that part

of Kentucky.

# TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Flames Discovered in Belfry Soon After Man Is Seen Leaving Edifice.

Two attempts to set fire to St. John's Roman Catholic Church, in 13th street, were made today. Deputy Fire Marshal Caldwell said after making an examination that the blaze, which was quickly extinguished, was of incendiary origin.

Today is the 14th anniversary of a fire in a laundry that nearly destroyed St. John's Church. According to the watchman, a man was chased away from the side door of the edifice several days ago.

the building, one at the bottom of the steps leading into the belfry and the other behind the organ.

The Rev. John J. Wheeler, assistant rector of St. John's, was in the rectory adjoining when he saw the crowd forming and heard shouts of fire. He ran into the church intert on saving the savent the church, intent on saving the sacred vessels, but found this was unnecessary, as by that time the blaze had been put out by a fire extinguisher.

Numerous letters from cranks, some of them of a threatening nature, have been received at St. John's parish house recently. According to Father Wheeler, it has been necessary nearly every day to eject men from the edifice who went in to sleep, sometimes drunk, in the benches Threats have been made by some of these men, but no attention was paid to Gates well be erected now to prevent

entrance to the belfry of the church through the vestibule. Heretofore it has been possible to get into the tower withbeen possible to get into the tower with-out difficulty.

About five years ago a candle loaded with dynamite was found in St. John's.

An explosion was prevented through a letter sent to one of the priests telling that the candle had been placed on the altar. Examination showed this to be true. The candle had not yet been lighted. Nearly every engine company in the centre of the city responded to the alarm centre of the city responded to the alarm turned in by Captain Tempest and Ser-geant McMullin, who were passing at the time. The basement of the church was well filled with worshipers when the shout of fire was raised by pedestrians who saw the smoke coming from the bei-fry, but there was no disorder. Captain Tempest and Sergeant McMullin superin-tended the emptying of the church. St. John's Church was burned it years

ago. During the fire in 1800 among other things which remained unharmed was a life-sized statue of the Immiculate Conception. This was presented to the church by Francis Copper, a Philadelphian who sailed from this city for Europe in one of Cope's trading vessels in 1855.

PAUL CRET WRITES MAYOR Mayor Blankenburg today received letter from Paul Cret, former profess letter from Paul Cret, former professor of architecture at the Eniversity of Pennsylvania and a member of the Comprehensive Plans Committee, who is fighting in the French army. There was no marking on the latter to indicate where it was mailed, although it was postmarked "France, January 25." The communication was in answer to a card conveying Christmas greeining from the Mayor and his wife to Mr. Cret. Professor Cret says he expects to return to Philadelphia next fait. Philadelphia next fall.

"JAKE" MELNICOFF INDICTED "Heddy Jaks" Melincoff was indicted by the Grand Jury today on charges of au-gravated assault and hatery on "Young Jack" Henion a former pugilist. Han-los, it is alleged, was standed across the face by Melincoff see November. As a hearing before highestrate Remainer has work Master wouldn't Tequest."

## TRANSIT ORDINALICES STARTED ON VOYAGE THROUGH COUNCILS

Subcommittee on Finance Meets and Acts Favorably on Measures-Connelly Says They Will Come Up Thursday.

Taylor Plan Likely Will Be Amended to Give \$6,000,000 Immediately - Proposed to Float Loan Under Personal Property Tax Act.

Council. Subcommittee on Finance men n the City Hall at noon today and acted favorably on the ordinance providing for

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special election in April
when a transit loan will be
submitted to the voters. John
P. Connelly, chairman of the
Finance Committee, said the
ordinances would be reported
out of committee at the regular meeting Thursday. Prompt and

ular meeting Thursday. Prompt and favorable action by both branches of Councils is expected.

Directly before the meeting today, Coun-cilman Connelly and Seger were in con-ference with State Senator James Mc-Nichel

ference with State Senator James McNichol.

The loan ordinance will call for \$5,000,000 to be used exclusively for transit, in accordance with the susgestion made by Director Taylor at the hearing before the State Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs in the City Hall last Thursday.

Another meeting of the subcommittee wil be held Thursday at noon. The date for the special election then will be set. As the special report on rapid transit requested from Director Taylor by Councils at its last meeting was placed in the hands of Councilmen Saturday, the last excuse for further delay was removed. Although the members of the Finance Committee make it plain that they do not approve all the features in the present Taylor plan, they have pledged that there will be no change in the program for a speedy election, so that the actual construction work can be begun early in July.

PLAN FOR FLOATING LOAN. It is proposed to float the \$6,060,060 for rapid transit under the authority of the personal property tax act passed by the Legislature two years ago, giving the city the right to use personal property assessments as a basic for floating loans

Senator McNichol, at the hearing last Thursday, indicated that the Supreme Court might rule the personal property tax act unconstitutional. John G. Johnon, however, at the request of Director Taylor, gave an opinion that the act not only was constitutional, but likewise

only was constitutional, but likewise fully upheld by judicial opinion.

Connelly in a statement intimated that Councils probably would amend the Taylor plan at several points. Mr. Connelly again declared that he was in favor of a Broad street tube from League Island to Olney avenue instead of Pike street, opposed to the delivery loop and in favor of elevated lines to the northeast sections. It was observed that when the loan legislation had been approved by the voters, it still will rest with Councils to designate on what part or parts of the to designate on what part or parts of the Taylor plans the money will be immedi-

itely expended. EXCHANGE TICKET WHIP. Director Taylor, in his special report to Councils, urged that the 8-cent exchange ticket system be abolished by due pro-cess of law in case the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company should not in-dorse the co-operative agreement requir-ing that company to equip and operate the proposed city-built lines.

Two piles of burning rags were placed in the building, one at the bottom of the port, is an announcement that the southern portion of the four-track sub-way line in North Broad street will be constructed in such a manner as to per-mit the laying of two additional tracks for railroad service. It is assumed that the Pennsylvania Railroad soon will de-sire to through-route its trains. The additional expense involved in such changes, however, would devolve upon the railroad, according to the plans of Director Taylor.

TAYLOR SUPPLIES DATA

Transit Director Sends Details of Plans to Councilmen.

Director Taylor told the members Director Taylor told the memors of the Mayor's cabinet at their meeting in City Hall today that he had furnished every member of Councils with the data which had been resquested by Selset Councilman Seger. The department directors met at the same time as the members of Councils' Subcommitte on Approximations.

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Directul of Public Health and Charities Ziegler told the Mayor and directors he had also seat to the Subcommittee on Appropriations the plans the alleged lack of which was given by Councilmen as the reason for refusing to grant the \$1,00,00 decided upon out of the municipal loan of \$11,200,000 for improvements at Bluckeley.

P. R. T. VERDICT REVERSED

Samuel Kane, Awarded \$15,000, Died Before Court Order Was Issued.

A verdict of \$15.000 for John Kansasatinst the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, as damages for injuries received in a trolley accident which residered him a belpless cripple, was not unide today by the Sapreme Court.

News of the reversal of the verdict given by a jury in Common Pleas Court No. I was spared Kans, who died up Saturday. In Judge Von Moschlaiser's opinion, handed down today, the Rapid Transit Company is awarded a new teist hecause cross-examination on irrelevant matters was permitted, and course for the plaintiff allowed to introduce reduct testimony with relation to same of the irrelevant stafements.

Kans received a fractured spine in as accident that occurred on the eventure of Cotober M. 1913. Before Court Order Was Issued.

Standard Oil Newspaper for London LONDON, Feb. 18 - It is reliably reported that a new newspaper, to be dissided with Standard Oil capital, is to be started

LOST AND FOUND